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Augment the Ireland Development Grant by means of the Abolition of two Judgeships and the Reduction of the Salary of the Lord Chancellor and the Transfer of certain accumulations, and to make provision with respect to the application of portion of that Grant. A.D. 1904.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 1.—(1) The vacancy existing at the passing of this Act in the office of puisne judge of the King's Bench Division of the High Court shall not be filled. Abolition of Judgeships.

(2) On the occurrence at any time of one other vacancy in the office of a judge of the said Division, other than the Lord Chief Justice, the Lord Lieutenant may, if of opinion that the amount or state of business in that Division renders it desirable, by Order in Council declare that the vacancy shall not be filled, and the number of judges of that Division shall thereupon be reduced to eight.

15 2. On the occurrence of the vacancy next ensuing, after the passing of this Act, in the office of Lord Chancellor, the annual salary attached to that office shall be reduced to *six thousand pounds*. Salary of Lord Chancellor.

20 3. An annual sum equal to the reduction of charge upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom effected by the operation of this Act, or any Order in Council thereunder, shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament as an addition to and shall form part of the Ireland Development Grant. Additional payments to Ireland Development Grant.

[Bill 215.]

A.D. 1904.

Moneys
transferred
to Ireland
Development
Grant.61 & 62 Vict.
c. 37.

4. The following moneys shall be invested under the directions of the Treasury, and the annual income arising therefrom shall be added to and form part of the Ireland Development Grant:—

- (a) The sum of *seventy thousand pounds*, being the accumulated excess paid to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account ; under section fifty-eight of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898; and
- (b) The sum of *one hundred and fifty thousand pounds* standing to the credit of the Petty Sessions Clerks Fund.

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Provision as
to sums
carried to in-
come account
of Land Pur-
chase Fund
out of Deve-
lopment
Grant.

5. Any sums carried under section thirty-eight of the Irish Land Act, 1903, out of the Ireland Development Grant to the income account of the Irish Land Purchase Fund shall be used as a working balance, and shall not be reckoned as part of the income of the Irish Land Purchase Fund in determining whether that income is insufficient under section twenty-nine of the said Act.

Application
and short
title.

6. This Act shall apply to Ireland only, and may be cited as the Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Act, 1904.